

Remarks

I. Status of claims

Claims 1-10 and 22-52 were pending.

Claims 1-10 and 41 have been allowed.

Claims 24, 29, 30, 33, 42, 49, 50, and 52 have been rewritten in independent form in response to the Examiners indication that such claims would be allowed.

Claims 25-27 incorporate the features of claim 24, claims 34-36 incorporate the features of claim 33, and claim 43 incorporates the features of claim 42. Therefore, claims 25-27, 34-36, and 43 should be allowed for at least the same reasons.

II. Rejection of claims

The Examiner has rejected claims 22, 23, 28, 31, 32, 37, 44-48, and 51 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Egawa (U.S. 5,138,460).

In his rejection of these claims, the Examiner has taken the position that the generation of clock signals by the clock generating device 730 in response to actuation of the scroll switch buttons 4, 5 constitutes "sensing motion of the camera." Although the Examiner is entitled to interpret claim language in its broadest possible scope, that scope cannot be contrary to the ordinary meaning of that language as would have been understood by one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would not have reasonably construed the scroll switch buttons 4, 5 as being "the camera", much less would such a person have construed generating a clock signal in response to actuation of a scroll switch button on a camera as "sensing motion of the camera."

Despite the unreasonableness of the Examiner's position, independent claims 22, 31, 44, 45, and 48 have been rewritten and now recite that motion corresponding to motion of the display is sensed. The generation of clock signals by the clock generating device 730 clearly is independent of motion of the display 3 of Egawa's camera. Claims 22, 31, 44, 45, and 48 therefore are patentable over Egawa for at least these reasons.

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Claims 23, 28, and 51 incorporate the features of independent claim 22 and therefore allowable for at least the same reasons. Claims 32 and 37 incorporate the features of independent claim 31 and therefore are allowable for at least the same reasons. Claims 46 and 47 incorporate the features of independent claim 45 and therefore are allowable for at least the same reasons.

III. Conclusion

For the reasons explained above, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and should be allowed.

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